

LaBrea Hancock Homeowners Association
Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 17, 2017

MINUTES

<u>Board Members in Attendance:</u>	<u>Absent Board Members:</u>	<u>Block Captains, Guests, Community Members:</u>
Jane Prentiss	Bill Funderburk	Tammy Rosato
Cathy Roberts	Abbish Rand	Juanita Kempe
Frank Rosato	Barbara Savage	Barbara Hanson
Michelle Owen	Amy Lerner Hill	Annie Kim
Bob Eisele	Bill Dannevik	Bryan Kim
Brad Jewett		Liz Fuller
Justin Urcis		Kari Garcia
Phil Messina		Conrad Starr
Diana Suh		
Jill Brown		

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm.

The minutes from the September 19 meeting were approved by voice vote.

Our guest, LAPD Captain Anthony Oddo, Commanding Officer Wilshire Division spoke about crime and safety. In addition to the comments below, see attached handout for home security tips.

- Neighbors need to call if they see something or someone suspicious.
- Increase in every category (+ five (5) additional robberies + seven (7) burglaries) in whole division.
- Why? Problems on Melrose resulted in a redeployment of assets. Cleared the crime, but it moved elsewhere.
- Distracted walking can make someone vulnerable to robbery.
- 12am to 3am is a prime time for crime.
- Burglaries happen when windows or doors are left unlocked. Technologies like The Ring and Nest can help deter burglaries.
- Keep your house illuminated at night (within reason).
- Lock your electrical panel so your power isn't turned off by a criminal.
- ALWAYS report crime. The crime statistics help in the allocation of staff.
- Alarms do work.
- Using outside patrol services such as SSA are helpful.
- LAPD has high call volume – response time depends on how the crime is coded.
- 911 calls should be made from a land line. If made from a cell phone it gets routed to the Hwy Patrol.
- LAPD constantly reviews the allocation of assets.
- Wilshire Division is 11 square miles with 170,000 people. At 2:00 am there are seven (7) cars out on patrol – some will be downtown books perps or at a crime scene. As such patrols may take longer to respond depending on what else is occurring at that time.

Frank reminded the group about CERT training. He and Tammy are also trained in HAM radio.

We discussed the pros and cons of the road diet concept and other traffic mitigation tactics. Some Board members will attend the CD4 open house on Oct 21 to discuss traffic issues. We will discuss in more depth with Catherine Landers at the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned around 9:00 pm.

Home Security Checklist

Use this as a guide as you check your home for safety measures. Boxes marked “no” indicate areas where you could take action to improve your home’s security. These are just some of the steps you can take to decrease the likelihood that you or your home is targeted.

Exterior Doors

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| All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house—even if it’s just for a few minutes. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Garage and Sliding Door Security

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| The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid wood or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The sliding glass door has a strong, working key locks. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A dowel or a pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Protecting Windows

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| Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outdoor Security

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| Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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- Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.
- Outdoor lights are on in the evening—whether someone is at home or not or a photocell or motion-sensitive lighting system has been installed.
- Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.

Security When Away From Home

Yes No

- At least two light timers have been set to turn the lights on and off in a logical sequence, when we are away from home for an extended time period.
- The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave home.
- Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbor/friend to pick them up have been made when we go away from home for a period of time.
- A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away.

Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property

Yes No

- Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high-security, laminated padlocks.
- Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are locked after every use.
- Grills, lawn mowers, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed, or if left out in the open, are hidden from view with a tarp and securely locked to a stationary point.
- Every bicycle is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain.
- Bikes are always locked, even if we leave them for just a minute.
- Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks.
- Valuable items, such as television, stereos, and computers have been inscribed with identifying number approved by local police.
- Our home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures. A complete copy is kept somewhere out of the house.